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	Filing Date	Concurrently Herewith
	First Named Inventor	Kelly G. AMMANN
	Group Art Unit	Unknown
	Examiner Name	Unknown
	Attorney Docket Number	2599-104-D2
Title of the Invention: AUTOMATED DIAGNOSTIC ANALYZER AND METHOD		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this divisional application, kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Delete claims 1-2 and 4-10 and add new claims 11-27 on the attached pages.

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